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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Re: My opinion

Dear Sirs.

Leave Mr. Gates alone.

It is all sour grapes. If I wanted to compete with Ford or Chevy, would I have a chance? No. Can I get another local phone company, or cable company? No. But I don't hear a lot of people complaining about these "monopolies". Bill's on top and everybody is jealous.

Not one of Mr. Gates distracters care about me, the buyer. They just want to beat Bill in some "I am as good as you are" frenzy, or the various States just want the business on there home turf.

I have a friend who owns a Microbrew, and he has to use Distributors to get his beer to market. Now these guys have a monopoly. They sometimes just tell him flat they are not paying him. But I don't see a lot of the States jumping on these guys, or the building permit business, and on and on. But boy, the old States jumped on old evil Bill. Get real.

I don't care which of these guys has more billions, I just want everything to be compatible. With the way things were, everything had to be compatible with one standard. I am afraid that soon you will have to be worrying about whether the Software you buy runs on your machine or not. I don't care which system is the main one as a user, but they should be compatible. Gates wouldn't be where he is if Apple had gone for compatibility. Gates say OK, you wouldn't settle on a standard, then I will make a standard. It's all sour grapes.

The Netscape leader was on a PBS show one time where he avowed he wanted to bury Mr. Gates. Come on, the guy was worth some 20 Billion at the time and he was mad at Gates, grow up. They all want to be Bill, to beat Bill, cause after all, they are better than Bill. Come on, grow up.

J P Morgan couldn't have gone down on the foundry floor and done anything in the Steel mill, but he sure knew how to tell the Bessemer process was a money maker (sounds like DOS to me), and that the guy he hired from Europe was the best in the business. They were mad at Morgan for his money and position too. It is all sour grapes.

I am 59 years old, male, in the US Merchant Marine, and not a real good computer person.

Leave Bill alone.

Respectfully, Jww